

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Reports show cancer as the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States and is detected in more than 15,000 of our nation's young people every year; and,

Whereas, Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota's only Children's Oncology Group Hospital, is dedicated to helping these children and their families; and,

Whereas, Sanford Children's Hospital is home to "Brave Kids Bold Cures" and provides a variety of vital patient and family services to children undergoing cancer treatment, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and,

Whereas, Like other forms of cancer, childhood cancer has an international symbol, the gold ribbon – this symbol is being introduced to our region with the goal of uniting together to fight childhood cancer and create awareness about its devastating toll on children and their families; and,

Whereas, The goal of the "Brave Kids Bold Cures" campaign is to make a difference in the lives of childhood cancer patients, childhood cancer survivors, and their families, as well as memorializing those childhood cancer victims who have earned their angel wings:

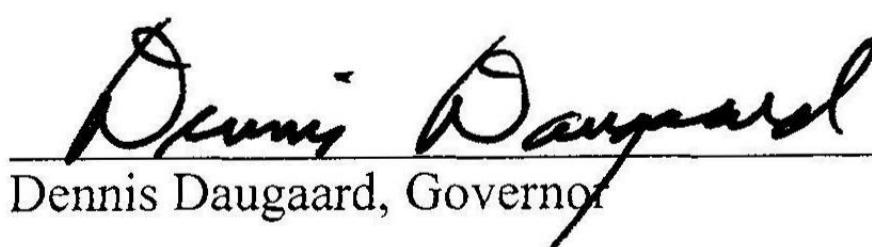
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

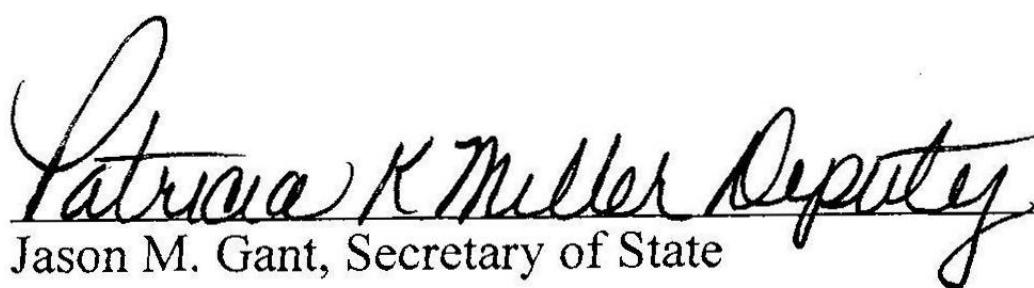
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.





Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State